

## House Resolution 1697

By: Representatives Royal of the 171<sup>st</sup>, Keen of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Davis of the 122<sup>nd</sup>, Forster of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. G. Wayne Clough upon the occasion of his departure from  
2 the Georgia Institute of Technology and inviting him to appear before the House of  
3 Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Dr. G. Wayne Clough has served as president of the Georgia Institute of  
5 Technology for almost 14 years, and during his tenure he transformed Georgia Tech into one  
6 of the top ten public research universities in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Georgia Tech increased its enrollment from 12,900 to  
8 18,742 and emerged as the nation's leader in graduating engineers, including African  
9 American and female engineers; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Clough became a national leader in reshaping engineering education and  
11 enhanced the educational experience at Georgia Tech, resulting in more than 40 percent of  
12 undergraduates engaging in structured research, a third of undergraduates studying abroad,  
13 and a significantly higher graduation rate; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure, research expenditures at Georgia Tech have increased from  
15 \$212 million to \$473 million, making the university second highest ranked in the nation in  
16 engineering research; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Clough pioneered a unique partnership between Georgia Tech and Emory  
18 University to educate students, conduct research, and spin off new companies in biomedical  
19 engineering, thereby driving Atlanta's emergence as a center for biotechnology; and

20 WHEREAS, under his leadership, Georgia Tech's annual economic impact on the state of  
21 Georgia grew to \$4 billion, and more than 100 new companies emerged from Georgia Tech's  
22 research labs; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Clough engineered more than \$1 billion in new construction at Georgia  
2 Tech, more than doubling facility space to over 14 million gross square feet, rehabilitating  
3 dilapidated areas adjacent to campus, refocusing the operation of the campus on  
4 sustainability, and winning many local and national awards; and

5 WHEREAS, he extended engineering education to South Georgia through the Georgia Tech  
6 Regional Engineering Program and developed research and education platforms in France,  
7 Ireland, Singapore, and China, to the benefit of the state's international economic  
8 relationships; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Clough is the only person appointed by President George W. Bush to both  
10 the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and the National Science  
11 Board, giving Georgia and Georgia Tech a higher profile in Washington and providing  
12 national policy leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. G. Wayne Clough has been called by a unanimous decision of the  
14 Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents to be its next Secretary, directing the nation's  
15 premier educational, historical, and cultural archive.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body recognize President G. Wayne Clough on the occasion of his  
18 departure from the Georgia Institute of Technology, commend him for his exemplary service  
19 to Georgia Tech, his community, this state, and this nation, and extend their most sincere  
20 wishes for success in the future.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. G. Wayne Clough is invited to appear before the  
22 House of Representatives on such date and at such time as determined by the Speaker of the  
23 House.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House is hereby authorized and directed  
25 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. G. Wayne Clough.